

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 23, 2004, claims 15, 16, and 17 were rejected, but claims 1-14 were allowed along with claims 17, 18, and 19 were indicated allowable but depending upon a rejected base claim. The Amendment enclosed herewith cancels the rejected claims and places the objected claims to depend from an allowable independent claim.

This amendment is made without prejudice or disclaimer.

Conclusion

No additional claims have been created with this response and no additional fees are due apart from the Petition of Extension of Time fee for the third month which is enclosed herewith along with a Petition for Extension of Time. Allowance of claims 1-14 and 17-19 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 23rd, 2004

By: 

Stephen J. Stark
Attorney for Applicant
MILLER & MARTIN LLP
Suite 1000 Volunteer Building
832 Georgia Avenue
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402
(423) 756.6600



CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Mail Stop Amendment -- Fee
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

on this 23rd day of August, 2004.

By: Beverly L. Middleton
Beverly L. Middleton